

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1: A mounting bracket for mounting on a ski of a conventional snowmobile having a snowmobile steering element mounted on a kingpin and a carbide-stud post fastener in a sidewall of said ski, said mounting bracket having a base plate that is anchorable to an inner surface of a bottom of said ski, and a mounting section that extends substantially parallel to a sidewall of said ski, said mounting section having means for mounting a device, comprising a base plate and a mounting section extending from said base plate;

wherein said base plate is anchorable to an inner surface of a bottom of said ski and said mounting section is anchorable to said sidewall by means of said carbide-stud post fastener.

Claim 2 is cancelled.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The mounting bracket of claim 1, wherein said ski has a carbide-runner affixed to an outer surface of said bottom of said ski by means of a carbide-runner fastener that extends through a bore in said bottom of said ski, and wherein said base plate has a fastener-bore that aligns with said bore in said bottom of said ski, said carbide-runner fastener being receivable through said bore and said fastener-bore, so as to affix said carbide-runner and said base plate to said bottom of said ski.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The mounting bracket of claim 3, wherein said bore in said bottom of said ski includes multiple bores and wherein said base plate has a plurality of bores, at least two of which align with a corresponding number of said multiple bores.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The mounting bracket of claim 1, wherein said mounting section includes a right mounting section and a left mounting section.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The mounting bracket of claim 1, wherein said mounting section includes ~~an intermediate~~ a cantilevered section that extends over a top surface of said ~~sidewall-ski side wall between said base plate and said mounting section.~~

Claim 7 (currently amended): The mounting bracket of claim 1, wherein ~~said device is a wheel unit and said means for mounting said wheel unit is a mounting bore in said mounting section~~ includes a vertical mounting surface that extends downward from said cantilevered section, alongside an outer surface of said sidewall.

Claim 8 (new): The mounting bracket of claim 1, wherein said device is a wheel unit and said means for mounting said wheel unit is a mounting bore in said mounting section.